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US CL : 435/6, 91.2

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X,P	US 6,613,509 (CHEN) 09 September 2003 (2.9.2003) entire document, especially column 11, lines 20-54, column 13, lines 33-52.	1, 12
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